

Freelance Marketplaces vs Direct Networking (vsdiff.com)

Feature	Freelance Marketplaces	Direct Networking
Accessibility	Wide reach; accessible to clients globally	Limited to personal connections; may take time to build
Security	Escrow services; protection for both freelancers and clients	No formal contract or security; relies on trust
Fees	Usually charged as a percentage of earnings	No fees; all earnings go directly to the freelancer
Project Variety	Wide array of projects across various fields	Usually limited to specific industries or fields
Time Investment	Less time needed to find clients	More effort in building relationships before projects can begin
Control over Work	Less control over project specifics due to platform rules	Greater control over project scope and terms

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